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In 2016, in a preliminary SCAR group meeting the main topic discussed was the identification of tools to increase the effectiveness of SCAR national representation through:

Increased capacity to collect national information (mapping) to provide to SCAR working groups and plenary.

Identification of the Portuguese interlocutors - who can benefit from the SCAR information?

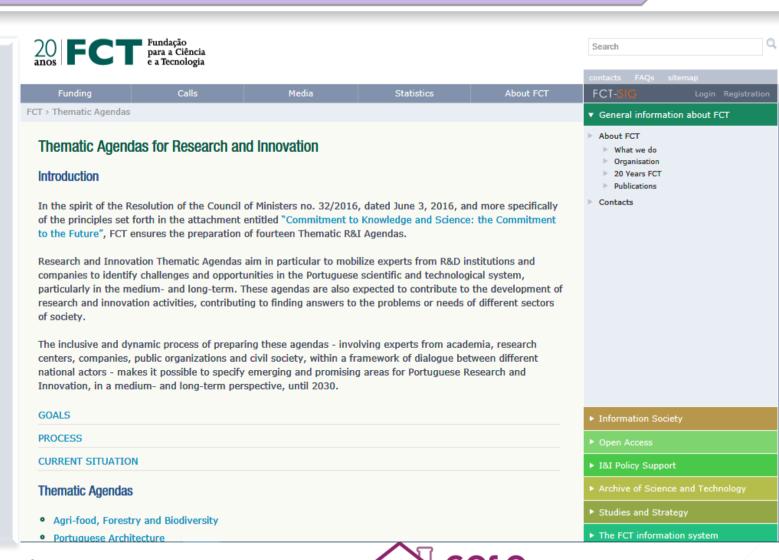
Increased capacity to disseminate SCAR activities and publications to higher education institutions, companies and other stakeholder's. National Funding Agency website can publish SCAR/CASA information.

Better articulation with other national groups (e.g. Rural Development Programme, National Rural Network/EIP Agri, Thematic Area of Innovation/Centers of Competence, BlueBioAlliance, PortugalFoods)

Joint actions with other Member States (e.g. France, Spain)



In 2017, the Portuguese National Funding Agency (FCT) implemented an inclusive and dynamic process of preparing fourteen Thematic R&I **Agendas** to identify challenges and opportunities for the medium and long-term development of R&I activities in the Portuguese scientific and technological system.



The R&I Agenda for **Agri-food**, **Forestry** and **Biodiversity** imbibed **49 experts** from R&D institutions and companies and focuses on terrestrial, aquatic (river, estuarine, and coastal) and marine ecosystems, as well as on interface zones.

The agenda's overall topic comprises priority R&I areas and several cross-cutting issues such as governance, society, sustainable management, digitization, and Earth observation, among others.



The R&I Agenda for the **Sea** imbibed **51 experts** belonging to subgroups of R&I from institutions and companies.

The agenda's overall topics comprise priority R&I areas inside several themes common to the two subgroups, including cross-cutting issues such as Governance, Sustainable Management, Ocean Observation and Literacy.



It was decided by FCT and CASA representatives that the Portuguese SCAR mirror-group will be divided in two sub-groups (SCAR-AKIS and SCAR-Fish) implemented in 2018 with the initial integration of the 49 + 51 experts identified in course of the development of R&I Agenda for **Agri-food, Forestry and Biodiversity** and R&I Agenda for the Sea respectively.









THANK YOU For your attention

